WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Non-payment of dues of hospitals empanelled under CGHS by Government

*462. SHRI DARA SINGH:
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that on account of non-payment, many hospitals in the capital are either refusing to be empanelled under Central Government Health Scheme or telling patients to pay upfront;

(b) whether it is a fact that CGHS owes Rs. 17,66,953 to AIIMS, Rs. 7 crore to Indraprastha Apollo Hospital, Rs. 3.5 crore to Max Healthcare, etc.;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when Government is expected to clear all such dues so that CGHS beneficiaries may not be put to any further hardships?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANIRAMADOSS): (a) to (d) No incident of refusal of treatment by private empanelled Hospital/diagnostic center for non-payment of dues has been reported to the Government. As a matter of fact there are stringent provisions for penalties in cases of empanelled hospitals refuse to provide treatment.

• During 2007-08, an amount of Rs. 115.75 crore has been paid to private hospitals in Delhi.

In respect of Indraprastha Apollo Hospital, bills amounting to Rs. 8.68 crore were pending as on 1.4.2007 and during 2007-08, bills amounting to Rs. 73.00 lakhs were received. Payment of Rs. 7.38 crore has been released during 2007-08 leaving unpaid bills of Rs. 2.03 crore as on 1.4.2008.

In respect of Max Healthcare, Delhi, no bill was pending as on 1.4.2007 and during 2007-08, bills amounting to Rs. 3.80 crore were received. Payment of Rs. 2.34 crore has been released during 2007-08, leaving unpaid bills of Rs. 1.46 crore as on 1.4.2008.

Payment of bills of private empanelled hospitals & diagnostic centres is a continuous process and is subject to the availability of funds.

In respect of AIIMS, the outstanding amount is to the extent of Rs. 17.50 lakh, as on 1.4.2008. Out of this amount, bills amounting to Rs. 15.00 lakh were returned by the Pay & Accounts Office as the bills were not counter-signed by the authorized signatory of AIIMS. After the bills are countersigned by the authorized signatory, the payment will be released by the Pay & Accounts Office, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

Research contracts

*463. SHRI KALRAJ. MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry awards research contracts to Consultants, NGOs, Academic and Research Organisations etc.;

(b) if so, trie list of research contracts with the name of the organizations which were awarded the research contracts in the last three years and their progress;

(c) whether the research contracts are displayed on the website of his Ministry and if not, the reasons therefor;